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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Steady winter weather, but with no extreme temperatures, prevailed during the week. A few stations received snow flurries, but there was no precipitation of consequence during the week. Some days were rather windy over the western portion of the State.

CROPS There was very little corn husked last week because of snow drifts and wet fields. The returns indicate that 8 percent of the corn is still unhusked compared with 9 percent a week ago. Sales of corn have been rather slow partly because of bad roads. The drop in prices has also reduced sales. The final yield estimate of the 1948 corn crop is 36 bushels per acre making a total production of 252,468,000 bushels. This is nearly 109,000,000 bushels above the 1947 crop.

The condition of wheat remains unchanged from a week ago. There were a number of reports of damage from high winds from western Nebraska. The December 1 condition was 85 percent which indicates a rather marked improvement over the outlook prior to October 28 before the drouth was broken.

The December 1 estimate of planted acreage is up 2 percent bringing the total to 4,507,000 acres planted. The December 1 condition indicates a crop of 81,126,000 bushels. The final estimate on the 1948 crop is 81,938,000 bushels. The acreage of rye seeded is down 10 percent and the condition is 84 percent.

LIVESTOCK Considerable hay has been fed so far this season. Some baled wild hay and alfalfa have been selling over \$25 a ton. The supply of hay may become a little short in some localities if the weather is bad. There is considerable apprehension as to the drop in prices of cattle. Feeders are debating whether to sell or to hold. There has been increasing interest in the spring pig crop. Egg production is increasing. Webster county shipped out approximately 10 carloads of dressed turkeys a week ago last.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 20, 1948

Eastern Division

Grand Island	0
Lincoln	0
Norfolk	.02
Omaha	0
Sioux City	.06

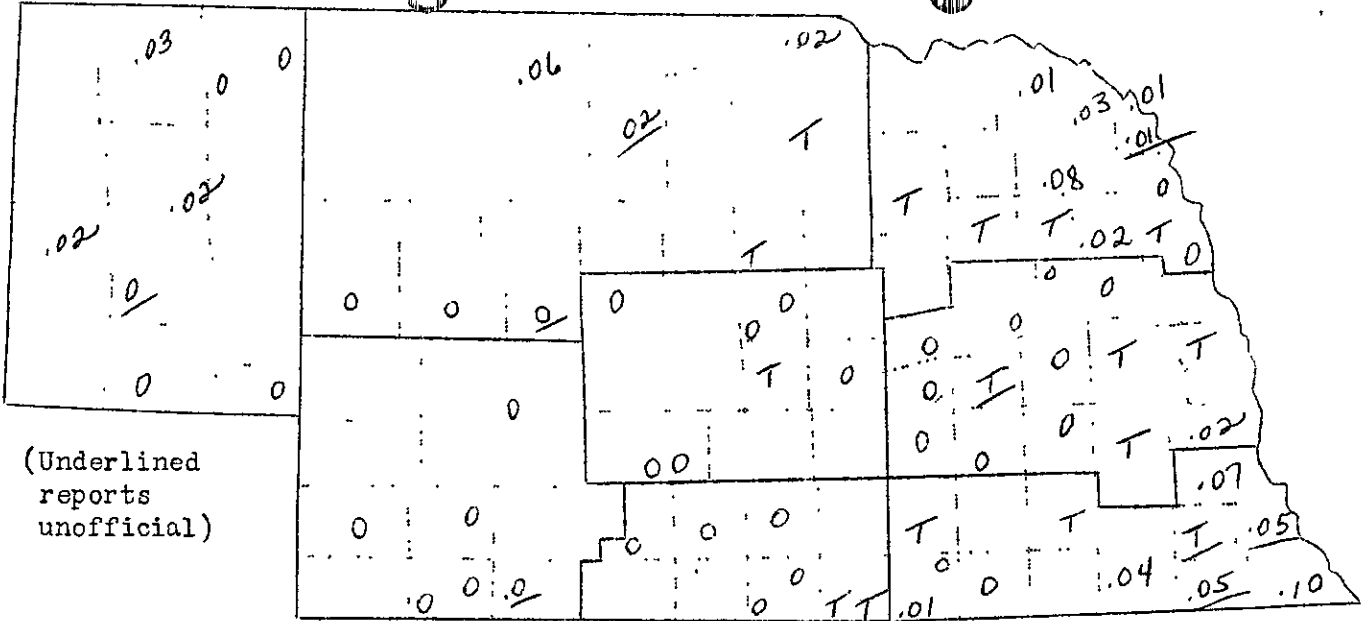
Central Division

Burwell	0
North Platte	0
Valentine	.06

Western Division

Chadron	.03
Hayes Center	0
Scottsbluff	.02
Sidney	0

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 19 1948



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Dec. 14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	46	19	19	13	28	9	33	8	33	14	28	6	40	20
	Scottsbluff	47	26	28	19	37	10	35	12	34	21	28	7	42	33
	Sidney	46	25	28	20	36	18	37	4	33	11	31	5	41	19
N-C	Burwell	35	--	26	20	24	9	32	10	32	20	28	6	42	20
	Valentine	41	15	20	14	22	7	32	10	34	18	26	4	41	19
NE	Norfolk	37	19	28	26	28	9	25	6	27	24	28	6	36	20
	Sioux City	30	20	32	30	32	8	25	6	26	23	30	7	34	19
Cen.	Grand Island	36	20	26	24	26	14	32	13	33	21	33	13	41	23
E-C	Lincoln	40	28	34	30	32	18	32	18	36	31	33	18	38	28
	Omaha	43	30	35	33	33	17	31	17	33	31	32	22	38	28
SW	Hayes Center	44	24	26	20	31	20	40	17	36	17	34	11	44	25
	North Platte	46	24	24	19	32	17	39	16	35	19	32	7	44	18

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